



press release

Western Gateway Heritage State Park Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- Weaving Exhibit at Heritage Park

NORTH ADAMS- Recent works by the Green Mountain Weavers and Spinners Guild are currently on display in the Community Gallery of the Visitor's Center at Western Gateway Heritage State Park. It may be seen seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until October 15, 2006. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation is the sponsor of the exhibit.

The Guild was founded in 1972 in Bennington, Vermont by six people who had been inspired to organize following a continuing education course they had taken. They continue to meet the third Thursday of the month at St. John's Church in North Adams to learn new techniques and to increase the knowledge of creating and preserving textiles. The present membership is from the Massachusetts, Vermont and New York and numbers over 30. Featured are woven and knitted wearing apparel, transparencies, rugs, wall hangings, blankets, tableware, and accessories. Many of the works are for sale. For further information about the guild and its future workshops please call Gayle Garrison at (802) 694-1417.

On August 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. John and Judy Blackmer will demonstrate spinning and weaving techniques. Western Gateway Heritage State Park is located on Route 8 between State and Furnace Streets in North Adams. The Visitor's Center chronicles the history of the Hoosac Tunnel and the people who built it. The park is located on Route 8 between State and Furnace Streets in North Adams. For information about the park please call (413) 663-6312.